

House Resolution 1168

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Personal Safety Education and Abduction Avoidance;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1999 approximately 262,100 children were abducted; and

4 WHEREAS, in 2000 students ages 12 through 18 were victims of approximately 1.9 million
5 crimes at school, including approximately 128,000 serious violent crimes such as rape, sexual
6 assault, robbery, and aggravated assault; and

7 WHEREAS, a study is needed to assess and determine what should be taught to children in
8 public schools in Georgia about personal safety and abduction avoidance.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 GEORGIA that there is created the Joint Study Committee on Personal Safety Education and
11 Abduction Avoidance to be composed of 14 members. The members shall include the
12 chairperson of the House Children and Youth Committee or his or her designee and the
13 chairperson of the House Education Committee or his or her designee and the chairperson
14 of the Senate Education and Youth Committee or his or her designee and one other member
15 of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments. The remaining members
16 of the commission shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

- 17 (1) One member shall be a representative of the State Superintendent of Schools;
18 (2) One member shall be a representative of the Georgia Association of Education
19 Leaders;
20 (3) One member shall be a representative of the Georgia Association of Educators;
21 (4) One member shall be a representative of the Georgia School Boards Association;
22 (5) One member shall be a representative of the Georgia Sheriff's Association;
23 (6) One member shall be a representative of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and
24 Training Council; and

1 (7) Four members shall be representatives of the Georgia Congress of Parents and
2 Teachers Association, with one such representative appointed to serve as chairperson of
3 the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study relating to the
5 subject content of a course to be offered to public school students in grades kindergarten
6 through 12 concerning personal safety and abduction avoidance. The committee shall
7 recommend the subject content to the State School Superintendent in a report to be made on
8 or before December 31, 2007. The State School Superintendent shall make the report
9 available to each local board of education, which shall use the report to prescribe a course
10 of study on personal safety and abduction avoidance for students in grades kindergarten
11 through 12. The committee shall convene such meetings at such places and at such times as
12 it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers,
13 perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution, provided
14 that public notice shall be given of at least three meetings at which public input will be
15 solicited in three different areas of the state. The legislative members of the committee shall
16 receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative committees
17 but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
18 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
19 appropriated to the House of Representatives and Senate. The committee shall stand
20 abolished on December 31, 2007.